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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS: RELOCATION OF BELARUS AND UKRAINE TO THE GROUP OF MEMBER STATES SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 3 (c) OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 43/232

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled:

> "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations:
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> "(b) Relocation of Belarus and Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232"

and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Fifth Committee had before it, inter alia, communications from Belarus, Madagascar and Ukraine concerning their placement in the appropriate group for the apportionment of the costs of United Nations peace-keeping operations (A/48/192, A/48/315 and A/C.5/48/13). In addition, the Member States that joined the Organization in 1993 had to be assigned to the appropriate group for the same purpose.

3. The Fifth Committee considered this item at its 27th, 28th and 45th meetings, on 2, 3 and 21 December 1993. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's discussion of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.27, 28 and 45).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/48/L.12

4. At the 45th meeting, on 21 December, the Rapporteur introduced draft decision A/C.5/48/L.12, which was elaborated following informal consultations by the open-ended working group of the Fifth Committee established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/218 of 23 December 1992.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/48/L.12 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. Statements in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft decision were made by the representatives of Madagascar, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine (see A/C.5/48/SR.45).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly decides:

(a) To continue during its current session the mandate of the open-ended working group of the Fifth Committee established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/218 of 23 December 1992;

(b) As an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the apportionment of peace-keeping expenses, that:

(i) Andorra and Monaco shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (b) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, and that their contributions to the financing of peace-keeping operations shall be calculated in accordance with the relevant resolution to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments;

(ii) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232, and that its contributions to the financing of peace-keeping operations shall be calculated in accordance with the relevant resolution to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments;

(iii) Eritrea and Madagascar shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (d) of General Assembly resolution 43/232, and that their contributions to the financing of peace-keeping operations

shall be calculated in accordance with the relevant resolution to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments;

(c) To consider and decide during its current session the placement of the Czech Republic and Slovakia in the appropriate group as set out in General Assembly resolution 43/232 for the apportionment of peace-keeping expenses;

(d) To consider, as an exceptional measure, any arrears of Belarus and Ukraine arisen in 1992 and 1993 and for 1994 in the financing of peace-keeping operations as being due to conditions beyond their control, and accordingly, that the question of the applicability of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations related to the loss of voting rights in the General Assembly in this respect will not arise.